HOUSE BILL 1608

By Todd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 51 and Title 6, Chapter 58, relative to certain annexations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-58-104(a)(7)(B), is amended by adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

Provided that in such county, if a municipality proposes annexing areas located within the area reserved for the municipality pursuant to such annexation reserve agreement and any portion of the proposed annexation is contiguous to another municipality or the area reserved for another municipality in such county, then notwithstanding the annexation reserve agreement or any other law to the contrary, the proposed annexation of territory shall be submitted by the county election commission in an election for a vote of the property owners of the affected territory. The question on the referendum shall be to determine whether the proposed area is to be annexed by the proposing municipality or, in lieu of such action, whether such area shall be included in the municipal boundaries of a municipality which is contiguous, or the reserve area of such municipality is contiguous, to the proposed area. If more than one municipality, or the reserve area of more than one municipality, is contiguous to such area, then each such municipality shall be separately listed on the ballot and the property owners shall cast a vote accordingly. The affected territory shall be included within the boundaries of the municipality receiving the highest number of votes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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